

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application: **Ferri et al.** § Group Art Unit: **2134**  
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Serial No.: **10/718,064** § Examiner: **Tran, Ellen C.**  
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Filed: **November 20, 2003** § Attorney Docket No.: **FR920030006US1**  
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For: **Method of Authenticating**  
**Digitally Encoded Products Without**  
**Private Key Sharing** § Customer No. **50170**

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Office Action dated November 9, 2007, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Listing of Claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.